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1. ROSTOCK-MARNEBUENDE:

The harbor is treated as an obstacle zone, entrance and exit being permitted only in daylight. Foreigners are no longer permitted to spend the night in Rostock. Students in the Universities of Rostock and Greifswald will be required to take a course in military training on the Hiddensee during the latter half of August.

2. Reconstruction of the former German passenger ships "Albert Ballin" ("Hansa") and "Hamburg" in the shipyard at Rarnemunde appears to be nearly finished. Observation of the Neptun shipyard is greatly hindered by a high stockade which has been built around it. Mass production of luggers was all that could be observed there.

3. Opposition to the Soviets is apparently growing among the workers in the harbor. Even the Peoples' Police showed their dissatisfaction whenever they felt they were not being observed.

4. On 5 July at 1400 hours, a Russian destroyer or torpedo boat was anchored before Warnemuende. It had two stacks and one weapon on the bow. Designation and particulars could not be seen because of the distance.² The entire afternoon of 5 July, seven Russian coastal minesweepers with gear maneuvered between Warnemuende and Dornbusch.

5. PORKALLA:

Ship traffic near the Porkalla obstacle zone is spotted and observed by the Russians with radar. Ships which infringe on the course regulations are overtaken.

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7. Soviet Zone cutters are regularly searched for West in propaganda material as they return to their bases. The search is carried out by Russians.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment: According to available reference material, this appears to be the first reference to the HANSA as the ALBERT BALLIN.

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2. [REDACTED] Comment: It may have been a torpedo boat of German design of the "Vogel" class.

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